

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–23**  
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 12\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NORTH KOREA.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea,  
4 also known as North Korea, continues to develop a  
5 ballistic and nuclear weapons development program  
6 that poses a grave threat to the United States, its  
7 allies the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Australia,  
8 and to regional and global security.

9 (2) North Korea continues to escalate the pace  
10 and number of its ballistic missile launches, and to  
11 date has conducted five nuclear tests.

12 (3) On July 4, 2017, North Korea conducted  
13 the first test of an intercontinental ballistic missile  
14 (ICBM) it claims is capable of reaching United  
15 States territory, which constitutes a new threat to  
16 America’s security.

17 (4) On June 3, 2017, Secretary of Defense  
18 James Mattis stated, during remarks at the  
19 Shangri-La Dialogue, that “the current North Korea

1       program signals a clear intent to acquire nuclear  
2       armed ballistic missiles, including those of inter-  
3       continental range that pose direct and immediate  
4       threats to our allies, our partners and all the world”.

5           (5) On April 27, 2017, Admiral Harry Harris,  
6       Jr., Commander of the United States Pacific Com-  
7       mand, testified that “North Korea continues to dis-  
8       regard United Nations sanctions by developing, and  
9       threatening to use intercontinental ballistic missiles  
10      and nuclear weapons that will threaten the U.S.  
11      Homeland.”.

12      (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
13      gress that—

14           (1) the United States should act to counter  
15      North Korea’s continued development and testing of  
16      nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic mis-  
17      siles;

18           (2) a functional and operational North Korean  
19      nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile pro-  
20      gram constitutes a new and credible threat to the se-  
21      curity of the United States and to our allies and  
22      partners in the region;

23           (3) the defense of the United States and our al-  
24      lies against North Korea aggression remains a top  
25      priority, and the United States maintains an unwav-

1       ering and steadfast commitment to the policy of ex-  
2       tended deterrence, especially with respect to South  
3       Korea and Japan;

4           (4) the United States supports the deployment  
5       of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense  
6       (THAAD) system in South Korea to counter North  
7       Korea's missile threat and the deployment of bal-  
8       listic missile defense systems to allies in the Indo-  
9       Asia-Pacific region to protect from the growing  
10      threat of North Korea's nuclear weapons and bal-  
11      listic missile programs;

12          (5) the United States should encourage further  
13      multilateral security cooperation among South  
14      Korea, Japan, and Australia to address the North  
15      Korea threat;

16          (6) the United States calls upon the People's  
17      Republic of China to use its leverage to pressure  
18      North Korea to cease its provocative behavior and  
19      abandon and dismantle its nuclear and ballistic mis-  
20      sile programs, and comply with all relevant United  
21      Nations Security Council resolutions;

22          (7) the United States should fully enforce all  
23      existing sanctions on North Korea and undertake a  
24      comprehensive and rigorous diplomatic effort to urge

1 allies and other countries to fully enforce, and build  
2 upon, existing international sanctions; and  
3 (8) the United States should retain all diplo-  
4 matic, economic, and military options to defend  
5 against and pressure North Korea to abandon its il-  
6 licit weapons program.

